

## Candle Reflection & Devotional, Week 6: Mar 29, 2026

### **Introduction:**

To complement our prayers and sacrifices this season, each Sunday we are recalling one of Jesus' final seven statements from the Cross as we extinguish a candle that then remains unlit for the rest of the season until we celebrate the resurrection on Easter. The dimming of the light is a reminder of the darkness and weight of the cross, and our need to confess, repent and be renewed because of what Jesus did for us.

### **Instructions:**

Each week we will do a candle reflection during service. We will include that practice here for reference or if you want to recreate your own candle practice at home. There is also an at-home devotional piece for you to use to continue this reflection each Sunday.

### **Candle Reflection**

**(done during service, or for you to recreate at home):**

**Reader:** *"It is finished."* - John 19:30

### **Observe a moment of silence.**

**Reader:** As we extinguish this light, we call to mind those who have doubts or have lost their faith.

### **A candle is extinguished.**

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, we pray for those who struggle with their faith or have lost touch with Jesus. May they come to know Jesus as their friend and loving Savior, trusting that He accomplished on the cross everything needed to be brought near to God. Holy Spirit, help us to be models of love, forgiveness, and welcome into your Kingdom community. Forgive us when we don't do this well and teach us anew to walk in your ways. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Our Hope:** *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."*

- Jeremiah 29:11-13

### **Our Response:**

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## ***At-Home Devotional:***

From the cross, Jesus declares that His work is done. He has completed the task of paying for our sin. We are forgiven because of His sacrifice. We are reconciled to God.

### ***Questions to consider:***

Do you believe you are forgiven in Christ?

Do you know of someone who needs to hear his Good News?

*This week, let's pray for those who are doubting or have lost their faith. Or if it is us who are doubting, may we be like the father in Mark 9 who takes his lack of faith to Jesus, proclaiming, "I believe, help my unbelief!"*



### ***Art to Accompany Your Devotion:***

#### **The Lamentation**

Domenico Zampieri

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